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WASHINGTON--THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY IT IS STUDYING DOCUMENTS WHICH A FORMER CUBAN DIPLOMAT HAS CALLED EVIDENCE OF A VAST RUSSIAN AND CUBAN PLOT AGAINST ARGENTINA.

VITALIO DE LA TORRE, WHO SAID HE TOOK THE DOCUMENTS WHEN HE DEFECTED FROM THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN ARGENTINA, WAS IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT. HE APPARENTLY SHOWED THE DOCUMENTS TO U.S. OFFICIALS.

STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER JOSEPH REAP SAID "WE'VE SEEN SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS AND THEY'RE UNDER STUDY." BUT REAP SAID HE HAD NO INDICATION OF THEIR AUTHENTICITY.

DE LA TORRE LEFT HERE FOR NEW YORK TODAY, APPARENTLY TO PRESENT THE DOCUMENTS TO THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO ARGENTINE PRESIDENT ARTURO FRONDIZI, WHO IS IN NEW YORK TO ADDRESS THE UNITED NATIONS TOMORROW.

TONI VARONA, PRESIDENT OF THE ANTI-CASTRO REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT, HAS IMPLIED THAT THE UNITED STATES APPLIED PRESSURE TO KEEP THE CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENTS SECRET WHILE FRONDIZI IS IN THE UNITED STATES.

BUT REAP SAID "I DON'T KNOW OF ANY PRESSURE WE'VE PUT ON HIM."

REAP SAID HE WAS NOT EVEN AWARE THAT DE LA TORRE WAS IN WASHINGTON. OTHER SOURCES, HOWEVER, SAID DE LA TORRE MET LAST NIGHT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S CUBAN DESK OFFICER, ROBERT HURWITCH.

ONE OFFICIAL SOURCE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS ONLY AN "INTELLIGENCE INTEREST" IN THE DOCUMENTS. HE SAID THE MATTER REALLY INVOLVES ONLY THE CUBANS AND THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

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